

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

To limit the criteria of satisfying FCC's obligation to protect the public interest on the basis of whether commercial competition exists in America's mass media is to ignore the necessity of the fullest range of diversity as possible in our radio, print and TV news. Please do not further degrade the quality of our airwaves by allowing even more media concentration to take place. It is disingenuous to downplay the importance of TV as the primary news source of our nation as we hear how dominant the medium has become in our daily lives. The nation does not turn to the numerous websites that have arisen on the internet when a national crisis occurs, we turn on the TV to get our news via CNN, NBC, CBS and ABC.